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APPLICANT: THIRY, Pol Jean-Marie Robert

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TITLE: ORTHODONTIC WIRE AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

REMARKS ON PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In conjunction with the filing of the present application, and prior to an initial Official Action

on this matter, please amend the above-identified application as provided.

Please note that the following amendments apply to the attached specification and claims

labeled for U.S. filing. This combined application incorporates the original application and any

amendments or annex to the International Application in the proper order, including the correct

original and substitute pages, claims and drawing sheets.

In this preliminary amendment, please consider the following remarks in conjunction with

the amendments to the above-identified application as follows:

REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment has been entered for the purpose of placing the

application into a more proper U.S. format. In particular, certain grammatical and idiomatic

inconsistencies have been corrected by amendment to the specification, and the application is

corrected for certain typographical errors found in the originally submitted application. No new

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matter has been added by these amendments. The present application incorporates the original filing including any amendments made in the international filing. There was no amendment in the International Application, and there was no annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report. There was no Demand for IPE filed. The specification is an English translation of an originally French language document.

The Claims have been amended so as to conform with U.S. requirements and so as to remove multiple dependent claims. The Abstract has been amended so as to conform to U.S. filing requirements.

Applicant respectfully requests that the present Amendment be entered prior to an initial Official Action on the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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